

College and High School Sporting News

COLLEGE LOST TO NORMALITES

ALMA GUNNERS EACH HAVE
BAD INNING AND TEACHERS
GET ENOUGH RUNS.

The Mt. Pleasant Normal took the opening game of the season from the new Alma College aggregation Tuesday, but it was not until after Brooks and the several other Normal veterans had been given a "hearty scare" that the Teachers were able to stave the game away in the bat-bag with a score of 7 to 5.

Due to the cold weather the Alma hurlers were inclined to be wild, particularly Crittenden, the crack veteran, who got himself into a bad hole in the third inning when he walked three men. Healthy clouting behind the free gifts, in the nature of a single and a double counted three runs. In the seventh Catherman got into a somewhat similar place, three runs scoring. He allowed only two hits in the three innings he was in the box, but they were triples, one fluky, which were bunched with a base on balls and a sacrifice fly for three runs. It took three hits, a single, a scratch allowed by a "bender" and a double to propel the other counter across in the fourth.

Alma's runs came in the fourth and sixth. In the fourth "Buddy" Ryan walked. Wright jumped into one of Brooks' offerings for two sacks. Johnston's long fly let Ryan score and Wright went to third. Wright cashed on Crittenden's infield out.

In the sixth Hickerson walked. Ryan also got a free pass. Hickerson was out at third on Wright's fielder's choice. Johnston, after being hit in the leg and held at the plate by the Umps, struck out. Crittenden did the rescue act with a sizzling single to right, which counted Ryan and Wright, the hurler going to second on the throw to the plate on Wright. Shaver leaped against the pill and Crittenden counted.

The Alma infield looked good against the Normal veterans and it is expected that it will develop into a speedy one. The hurlers show good promise as the weather develops and all in all Alma may prove a trouble maker in the M. I. A. A.

ALMA	AB	H	O	A
Hickerson, 2nd	2	0	3	0
Ryan, c & m	1	0	4	2
Wright, 1b	4	1	6	1
Johnston, lf	3	1	2	0
Crittenden, p	3	1	1	6
Shaver, rf	4	1	0	0
Williams, m	3	0	0	0
Kirker, 3b	3	0	2	1
Beckton, ss	3	0	2	0
Catherman, p	1	1	0	1
Carty, c	1	0	4	3
*Waggoner	1	0	0	0

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NORMALS	AB	H	O	A
MacDonald, ss	3	1	1	2
Tallon, m	1	0	0	0
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Hicks, 3rd	3	0	1	1
Brooks, p	4	2	1	2
Warner, 1b	4	2	6	0
McCracken, 2b	4	0	0	1
Allred, c	2	1	7	1
Francis, lf	1	0	0	1
McDonald, rf	4	1	1	0

*Batted for Kirker in ninth.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R
Alma 0 0 0 2 0 3 0 0 0—5
Mt. Pleasant 0 0 3 1 0 0 3 0 0—7
Runs—MacDonald, Tallon, Hicks, Brooks, Warner, McDonald—7. Ryan 2, Wright 2, Crittenden—5. Errors—Wright, Crittenden. Two base hits—Wright, MacDonald, Warner. Three base hits—Brooks, Warner. Bases on balls—Off Crittenden 5, off Catherman 4. Passed balls—Ryan 1, Carty 1, Allred 1. Sacrifice hits—Ryan, Tallon, Francis. Sacrifice flies—Johnston, Allred. Stolen bases—Francis, Wild pitch—Crittenden. Umpire—Stephenson.

College Prexies To Hold Meeting

A meeting of the Prexies of the non-state colleges will be held at Flint, May 10, at which time it is expected that the executive heads of these colleges will delve into the eligibility rules of the M. I. A. A.

No announcement has been made as to what is contemplated at the meeting of the college presidents, but there is every evidence that this meeting has been called to replace the one that was to have been held in December, at which time the rules of the M. I. A. A. were to have been dug into. As a result it is confidently expected that the presidents will go into the matter of the rules.

Just what action may be taken by the college presidents after they go into the rules is not known, but there is every expectation that they will make some strong recommendations to the directors of the M. I. A. A. who will meet in June, and it is probable that some radical rule

changes will be in force in state college athletic circles next fall.

It is understood that some of the presidents of the sectarian colleges are wondering considerably about the advisability of the association seeming to sanction Sunday baseball and athletics, through the lack of a rule prohibiting such participation. They feel that Sunday athletics is not exactly consistent with the teaching of Christian education at these sectarian schools.

They will probably find some other things of interest to discuss, among them being the prevention of professional baseball men competing in college circles in the state, and the prevention of such things happening as to have professional football and players in other sports re-enter college and compete against real amateurs. They will be able to point to one case where a professional football man re-entered college last fall, played on his college eleven and also coached it, giving the team not only the benefit of his experience as a coach in coaching the team, but in directing the play during a contest against teams that were supposed, at least, to be composed of amateur footballers. It makes a rather dubious piece of sportsmanship and probably will be worthy of some real consideration.

The college presidents will probably bear in mind the fact that the whole thing in college athletics is not to win, as some coaches and athletic directors may seem to think, but rather the physical development of the students and the instilling of fair play in their minds, which cannot be had when the real amateur found in the colleges is compelled to pit his experience and his strength against the more mature, more experienced professional.

It will probably be borne in mind by the college presidents that perhaps a greater number of athletes have been barred from sport since athletes of the association were permitted to seek financial return for their skill during week days, and still later in Sunday contests, than during all of the former years of the association when ironclad rules held sway, which the colleges generally made every attempt to observe, not get around.

High School Wins From Clare Team

Alma High took a game from Clare Friday on Republic field in the opening contest of the season for the local nine in the Central Michigan league, as the new organization of high schools in this section of the state is known. A total of 24 runs was piled up during the encounter, the Alma team having one over half of the number.

A cold, raw wind, coupled with the fact that neither team has been able to get any great amount of practice because of weather conditions, put the teams in such shape that good baseball could not be expected. In spite of the high score, and the rather poor baseball that was shown, the game was interesting from the fact that after Alma took the lead in the second inning the visitors were constantly threatening to pull down the Alma lead and in the ninth staged a rally that fell just two runs short of knotting the count. Twice Wagner, at second, started two-try killings that prevented the visitors from adding to the score that they had. One of these was made unassisted.

The visitors mixed a base on balls with two errors and three hits in the first inning for three runs and added another in the second on two free gifts to first and a single. In the fifth two hits, one a double, and an error gave two more. In the next session three singles, a hit batsman and an error gave the Clare aggregation three more runs. In the ninth two hits, a stolen base and an error landed them two more. Chaffin pulled himself out of the hole in this inning and stopped the Clare rally by striking out two of the men who faced him.

Two bases on balls and Garner's double gave Alma two in the first. Three bases on balls, a hit batsman and a long single with a wild pitch counted four in the second. In the fourth two errors, a hit batsman and three hits brought in four more runs. In the fifth Alma did her final scoring. Dicke opened with a double, and a walk and two singles did the rest.

Both the Clare and Alma hurlers had considerable trouble in locating the plate and their work was erratic. Alma received eight free gifts to first, six bases on balls and two by hit batsmen. Chaffin, the Alma hurler, walked three and hit another. Chaffin struck out ten of the visitors getting seven of them in three innings.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Clare	3	1	0	2	3	0	0	2	—11	13	6
Alma	2	4	0	4	3	0	0	0	—13	10	6

Batteries: Hubbell, Duncan and Canfield; Chaffin and Garner.

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6 CONTESTS IN SCHOOL LEAGUE

TEAMS PLAY TWICE IN WEEK—
ALMA MEETS MT. PLEASANT
AND ST. LOUIS.

Games in the Central Michigan School League on Friday, April 28 will see rivals clashing with rivals, and good contests are expected in each of the three games. Interesting contests are also carded for next week Wednesday, the feature of the Wednesday tilts being the fray between St. Louis and Alma.

Friday Shepherd will go to Clare and is expected to give the Clare County outfit a real scrap for the honors of the game.

St. Louis will battle with her old Ithaca rivals on the St. Louis field and the contest is certain to draw out a goodly bunch of fans in St. Louis who would like to see the Ithaca aggregation humbled.

Alma meets Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant and there is little question but that the Isabella County team will give the Almaties a hard battle. The Alma team is showing a rapid improvement and is giving promise of having a classy infield with a little more practice. Veteran hurling will be given by Chaffin and Alma, while expecting a real battle, has high hopes of winning. Every effort is being made to round the local team into the best of shape for this fray.

The feature Wednesday, May 3, will be the St. Louis-Alma game at Alma. The two aggregations will show considerable more improvement by that time and both will make every effort to pull down the long end of the score. It is expected that a number of fans from each of the communities will be on hand to watch this encounter.

The Shepherd team will be at Ithaca Wednesday and Clare will play at Mt. Pleasant. Both contests should be attractive.

Maroon and Cream To Meet Crimson

Saturday afternoon Coach Campbell's Maroon and Cream aggregation will inaugurate the local baseball season meeting the Olivet College outfit, in what is expected will be a good battle.

Although beaten by Albion 4 to 1 in the opening contest of the year the Crimson outfit is not a poor one by any means and has been showing considerable improvement since that time, and it will call for the best efforts of the Campbell clan to stop the old rivals and put over a victory in the season's opener.

There is every expectation that Coach Watson will call on his pitching ace, Dowd, to hurl against the Maroon and Cream, and he is very liable to find Crittenden, the crack Alma veteran opposed to him in the box. If the two hurlers are right the fans are pretty certain to see a good pitchers battle.

The Alma aggregation is just beginning to show real development and the promise of rounding into a good diamond nine, and it will be a much stronger team that goes into the fray against Olivet than was the team which opposed Mt. Pleasant Tuesday in the first game of the season.

Tennis Courts Are Given Attention

Under the surveillance of Captain Soderstrom and Lieutenant Beam, the tennis courts are fast rounding into shape. Weather conditions have prevented any work on the courts until the past week but the work has progressed so rapidly that in a short time they will be in first class shape. The south courts are the best, those on the north being a little soft. It is probable that there will be another court built beside the north courts, as the four which we have at present are inadequate to accommodate the student body.

The prospects for a successful season in tennis are bright. Last year our team placed second at Kalamazoo and Albion, having been beaten both places by Kazoo. The star net man of Kazoo graduated last year so there is a better chance for an M. I. A. A. title this year than there was last season. During the last week some of the men have been out practicing. Fry, of last year's team, is out and seems to be stronger than ever. Viet is showing up good and Porter, a Freshman, shows signs of giving anyone in the school a good battle. In a few days an elimination contest will be held to decide the college championship.

Team	Won	Lost	Percentage
Alma	1	0	1,000
Mt. Pleasant	1	0	1,000
Shepherd	1	0	1,000
St. Louis	0	1	.000
Ithaca	0	1	.000
Clare	0	1	.000

Friday's results:
St. Louis 7, Shepherd 10
Ithaca 5, Mt. Pleasant 18
Clare 11, Alma 13

Weather conditions, which have prevented good workouts, had much to do with the high scores of the first high school league games, and it is expected that from now on better contests will be seen. It possibly has also prevented some of the teams from rounding into shape, and they

may play much better in the future contests and knock off the teams that are now tied for the leadership. It is certain that the early games have not given a correct indication of the strength of the high school league teams.

TUG-OF-WAR NOT HELD
The annual tug-of-war between the Fresh and Soph classes at Alma College was not held yesterday afternoon as had been expected, the Sophs having previously had such urgent invitations to present themselves elsewhere that not enough of them were left to compete against the Freshmen.

The visit that the Sophs made was not made in the graceful charming way that usually marks the bearing of College men. In fact they really hated to make the trip and visit that they took, and some even objected strenuously to making the visit. They simply couldn't help it, however. The Fresh just overpowered them and carted them off by truck, but leaving enough Sophs around to form the team that was supposed to pull on the rope at 4:30.

SUMNER

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Struble of Ithaca were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Tucker Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood returned Monday from a week end visit with their daughter, Mrs. Floyd Rumberger, at Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Ayers were guests of their son, Ellis, and family Sunday.

Howard McClenathan started for school again Monday after several weeks absence on account of sickness. Herman Smith of Vestaburg visited his niece, Mrs. Arthur Manley Sunday before leaving for his home in Northern Michigan.

Dr. Lewis returned Wednesday from Grand Rapids where he was a guest of his daughter over Sunday.

Mrs. Clifford Gee and children are spending the week with her husband at Perrinton.

Mrs. Ralph Holcomb is again on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stafford and Mr. and Mrs. Adney Van Norman were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Tucker.

Mr. A. J. Vance and Miss Minnie Yelsick spent Easter at their respective homes at Ithaca and North Star. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gee and children were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gee Easter Sunday.

Howard Phillips is able to be out again.

Jeff Lang and Earnest Connors were Ithaca business callers Wednesday.

Freddie Schiappi five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schiappi passed away at Brainerd hospital at Alma Thursday morning, following an illness of several weeks. Burial was made in Sumner cemetery. The family have the sympathy of their friends in their sorrow.

Arthur Forquer drives a new Ford Truck.

D. J. Ayers and Arthur Forquer made a business trip to Alma Friday afternoon.

W. J. Miller of Riverdale was a Sumner caller Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Woodward were Alma callers Friday.

Mrs. Arthur Forquer and daughter Opal, and Mrs. Samuel Cleverdon were Alma shoppers Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Crittenden of St. Johns were in Sumner on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Howard Phillips returned to her home in New Haven Saturday.

Mrs. F. E. McClenathan transacted business in Crystal and Elm Hall Saturday.

The party given by the Rebeccas Friday evening, was well attended. Mrs. Ackley Tomlin's name being the one drawn on the quilt.

The Royal Neighbors will give a social at the I. O. O. F. hall next Saturday night. Everybody invited. Henry Knicker spent last week visiting relatives in Ithaca and Owosso.

Mrs. Payne and daughter, Mrs. Laurence Conklin, and baby were in Maple Rapids a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leaman and daughter, Geraldine, motored to St. Louis Saturday to spend the day with their daughter, Lora and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beecher and son from near Carson City, were entertained last Sunday at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Abbie Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Vance Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Ayers called at the Smead home Sunday evening.

Chas. Perry is on the sick list this week.

John Phillips was a Riverdale caller the first of the week.

Will Phillips and Wm. Schiappi were Riverdale callers Thursday.

Wm. DuVall was in Ithaca on business Friday.

Mrs. Ellis Ayers entertained relatives from Toledo, Ohio, Friday.

Mrs. Chas. Booth spent the week end with relatives here.

Burt Davis and family have moved from the Dr. Graham farm south of town to a farm near Elm Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lowell have moved back on their farm north of town.

The high winds of Wednesday night did quite a lot of damage here and in this vicinity, moving the addition on the rear of the K. O. T. hall east on to H. Ablow's lot back of the hardware store. Screen doors were blown down and limbs broken on fruit and shade trees. South of town on the Wesley Price farm part of the roof of the barn was blown off.

SETHTON

The Whosoever class met at the Wm. Pendell home Friday and held a reception for the newcomers of Seth-ton and vicinity. After a program of contests and music, ice cream and cake were served by the "younger set." Everyone seemed to have a "real good time." This class is putting on a Mother's Day program for May 14th.

Allegra Gardner of Carson City spent from Friday until Sunday visiting relatives and friends here.

The Community Betterment Club meets this Tuesday at the Wm. Troub home. Mr. Stebbins of Carson City and Walter Webster of Crystal are on the program for addresses.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jarvis of Brice called on relatives here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jackson and granddaughter of Carson City visited at the Andrew Van Beelan home on Sunday.

Elder Tanner of Vestaburg filled the pulpit at New Haven as Elder Bates is visiting relatives at Clare.

(Too late for last week)
The Noy Jones family of Palo spent Easter at the H. H. McWilliams home.

Easter exercises were enjoyed at Seth-ton church in the morning and at the New Haven church in the evening.

Mrs. Hattie Hyatt spent Wednesday and Thursday with her daughter in Carson City.

Abner Bellinger of Ionia visited the home folks recently.

Robert Shuttleworth and family of N. New Haven spent Sunday at the M. C. Morse home.

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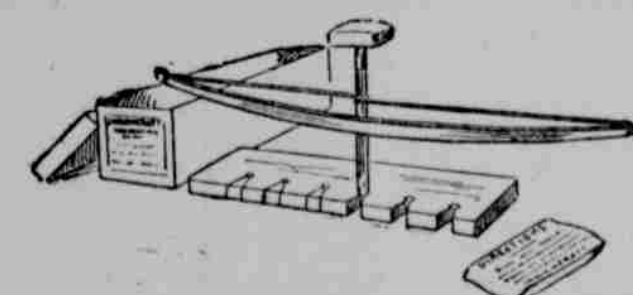
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